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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

YOSHINOBU SHIRAIWA

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Sir:

Prior to further examination of the above-identified application for which a Request For Continued Examination has been filed, please amend the application as follows.

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